

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A device for examining chemical and/or biological samples is provided that
includes ~~comprises~~ a sample carrier (10) ~~for receiving the samples~~. The sample
carrier (10) ~~comprises~~ includes a sample carrier wall (12) through which a
sample is examined with the aid of an objective (14). The objective (14)
~~comprises~~ includes an exit lens (16) ~~which~~ that defines a gap (20) towards an
outer surface (18) of the sample carrier wall (12), in which gap a film (22) of an
immersion material can be arranged such that the film (22) is in contact with
both the outer surface (18) and the exit lens (16). The exit lens (16) is
surrounded by a ~~protection means~~ (24) which is ~~in particular~~ configured as an
objective cap. To improve protection of the objective (14) from becoming fouled
by the immersion medium, the ~~protection means~~ comprises objective cap
includes a capillary channel (30) connected with a ~~suction means~~ device for
discharging the immersion medium.

(Fig. 1)